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CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A content on demand system comprising:

nontransitory logic to compose information about multiple audio and/or video streams into an audio and/or video stream format; and

nontransitory logic to communicate the information about multiple audio and/or video streams to a plurality of set top boxes; and

nontransitory logic to alternatively deliver [[the]] in parallel a valid version of the information about multiple audio and/or video streams on a first tunable channel and an obsolete version of the information on a second tunable channel.

2. (Original) The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple audio and/or video streams further comprises:

information about content categories.

3. (Original) The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple audio and/or video streams further comprises:

information about audio and/or video titles.

4. (Currently Amended) The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:

nontransitory logic to compose an index of audio and/or video information into the audio and/or video stream format.

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple audio and/or video streams further comprises:

information about content categories.

7. (Previously Presented) The content on demand system of claim 1, wherein the information about multiple audio and/or video streams further comprises:

information about audio and/or video titles.

8. (Currently Amended) The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:

nontransitory logic to alternatively deliver the index of audio and/or video information on a first tunable channel and on a second tunable channel.

9. (Currently Amended) The content on demand system of claim 1, further comprising:

nontransitory logic to receive from a set top box a request for an audio and/or video stream, the request comprising an identifier of a title of the audio and/or video stream.

10. (Currently Amended) A set top box comprising:

nontransitory logic to tune to a channel comprising an index of audio and/or video information having a format of audio and/or video streams, to read the index, and to apply the index to identify one or more channels comprising information describing audio and/or video content; and

nontransitory logic to read information from the channel comprising an index of audio and/or video information and, when the channel contains an indication of invalid obsolete information, to tune to an alternate simultaneously streaming channel comprising the

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index in the format of audio and/or video streams, and to read the index from the alternate channel.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 10, further comprising:

nontransitory logic to tune to a channel comprising information about at least one audio and/or video stream, the information about at least one audio and/or video stream formatted as an audio and/or video stream, read the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream, and display the information about the at least one audio and/or video stream.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A set top box comprising:

nontransitory logic to locate in a content index a channel comprising audio and/or video title information, and to tune to the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information, and to locate the audio and/or video title information in the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information, and to apply the audio and/or video title information and a service group identifier for the set top box obtained from a configuration information channel in a request communicated to an on-demand server system.

16. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 15, further comprising:

nontransitory logic to locate an alternate channel comprising audio and/or video title information, and to tune to the alternate channel comprising the audio and/or video title information

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when the channel comprising the audio and/or video title information comprises an indication of invalid data.